

IN THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Please **amend** the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Cancelled)

Claim 2 (Cancelled)

Claim 3 (Currently Amended) A An isolated polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2.

Claim 4 (Canceled)

Claim 5 (Previously presented) The polynucleotide of claim 3, comprising the nucleotide sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO:1.

Claim 6 (Canceled)

Claim 7 (Canceled)

Claim 8 (Canceled)

Claim 9 (Canceled)

Claim 10 (Canceled)

Claim 11 (Canceled)

Claim 12 (Canceled)

Claim 13 (Canceled)

Claim 14 (Canceled)

Claim 15 (Canceled)

Claim 16 (Canceled)

Claim 17 (Canceled)

Claim 18 (Canceled)

Claim 19 (Canceled)

Claim 20 **(Previously presented)** The polynucleotide of claim 3, encoding a polypeptide comprising amino acid residues 1-144 of SEQ ID NO: 2.

Claim 21 (Cancelled)

Claim 22 (Cancelled)

Claim 23 (Cancelled)

Claim 24 (Cancelled)